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OKEYUI HARUTOSHI****(54) STEP-FORM UNIT PLATE AND  
HERRINGBONE-LIKE UNIT PLATE****(57) Abstract:**

**PURPOSE:** To simplify construction of a herringbone-like pattern floor by a method wherein plates having the male tongue formed on one side of an oblong shape and a female tongue in the other side are joined together in a step-form manner to form a step-form unit.

**CONSTITUTION:** A plate 1 having a male tongue 2 formed in the edge part of one long side part of an oblong shape and a female tongues 3 in the edge part of the other long side and one short side is formed. A step-form unit plate 10 is formed such that the male tongue 2 of one plate 1 is fitted in the female tongue 3 of the other plate 1 to join together the plates in a step-form manner in a state that the long side parts

of the plates 1 are deviated from each other by a distance equivalent to the length of a short side. By using a herringbone-like unit plate 20 comprising the step-form unit plates 10 and other step-form unit plates 11 joined together, in order, in a step-form state in an opposite direction, a herringbone-like floor is constructed. Thus, construction of the herringbone-like pattern floors can be facilitated.

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